



Press Release

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On: SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION
UP 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . .September egg production in Texas totaled 395 million eggs, up 3 percent from September 2003, but down 2 percent from August 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during September averaged 18.2 million, down 1 percent from last year but up slightly from August 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,171 eggs, up 4 percent from last year but 2 percent below last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.1 million, up 5 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.32 billion eggs during September 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs, 996 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 60 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 343 million during September 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,133 eggs, up slightly from the 2,128 eggs in September 2003.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 6.84 billion eggs during September. The number of layers during September 2004 averaged 321 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36.8 million, up 3 percent from September 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 770 million, was up 4 percent from September of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.76 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2004, up 17 percent from September 2003.